

July 8, 2020

The Public Service Commission convened on July 8, 2020, 10:00 a.m. via teleconference under North Dakota Executive Order 2020-16 in response to the COVID-19 crisis in the United States.

Commissioners Kroshus, Fedorchak and Christmann attended in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota.

Minutes

Mr. Kroshus: I move the minutes of June 10 and July 2, 2020, be approved.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-96
Otter Tail Power Company
Minn-Kota Ag Products Inc. - Richland
County
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission issue an application fee refund in the amount of \$136,477.37 in Otter Tail Power Company, Minn-Kota Ag Products Inc. – Richland County, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-17-96.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-20-91
Otter Tail Power Company
Generation Resource Cost Recovery
Rates

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission issue an application fee refund in the amount of \$9,643.40 in Otter Tail Power Company, Generation Resource Cost Recovery, Rates, Case No. PU-20-91.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-20-93
Northern States Power Company
Light Emitting Diode Street Lighting
Tariff and Rates

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission issue an application fee refund in the amount of \$9,882.52 in Northern States Power Company, Light Emitting Diode Street Lighting, Tariff and Rates, Case No. PU-20-93.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-20-196
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Petro-Hunt, LLC - Burke County
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Petro-Hunt, LLC – Burke County, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No PU-20-196.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-20-197
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Petro-Hunt, LLC - Burke County
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Petro-Hunt, LLC – Burke County, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No PU-20-197.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-20-244
Dakota Natural Gas, LLC
Natural Gas Facilities - Traill County
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission assess a filing fee of \$10,000 in Dakota Natural Gas, LLC, Natural Gas Facilities – Traill County, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-20-244.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-20-245
Dakota Natural Gas, LLC
Gas Transportation - American Crystal
Sugar Co.
Tariff and Rates

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission assess a filing fee of \$10,000 in Dakota Natural Gas, LLC, Gas Transportation – American Crystal Sugar Co., Tariff and Rates, Case No. PU-20-245.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-20-246
Dakota Natural Gas, LLC
Natural Gas Service - Traill County
Tariff

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission assess a filing fee of \$10,000 in Dakota Natural Gas, LLC, Natural Gas Service – Traill County, Tariff, Case No. PU-20-246.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-20-275
Otter Tail Power Company
WBI Energy - Benson County
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Otter Tail Power Company, WBI Energy – Benson County, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-20-275.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-13-840
Montana-Dakota Utilities / Otter Tail
Power Co.
345kV Transmission Line - Dickey
County
Siting Application

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission approve the Tree and Shrub Management Plan filed May 6, 2020 in Montana-Dakota Utilities / Otter Tail Power Co., 345kV Transmission Line – Dickey County, Siting Application, Case No. PU-13-840.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-19-294
Denbury Green Pipeline - North
Dakota, LLC
12-inch Cedar Hills Pipeline Pjct -
Slope & Bowman
Siting Application

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission execute Contract No. PU-836-20 with Keitu Engineers and Consultants, Inc. for construction inspection services in Denbury Green Pipeline - North Dakota, LLC, 12-inch Cedar Hills Pipeline Pjct - Slope & Bowman, Siting Application, Case No. PU-19-294.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-20-161
 Andeavor Field Services LLC
 Skunk Hill Station to Belfield Oil
 Terminal
 Siting Application

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission issue a siting application fee final refund in the amount of \$9,812.65 in Andeavor Field Services LLD, Skunk Hill Station to Belfield Oil Terminal, Siting Application, Case No. PU-20-161.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-20-165
 Dakota Prairie Refining, LLC / BOE
 South, LLC
 Transfer - Certificate #151 & Permit
 #162 and #163
 Siting Application

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission issue a siting application fee final refund in the amount of \$9,948.76 in Dakota Prairie Refining, LLC / BOE South, LLC, Transfer – Certificate #151 & Permit #162 & #163, Siting Application, Case No. PU-20-165.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Compliance Division
 Auctioneer and Auction Clerk Update

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission acknowledge the issuance of the following new auction licenses, which became effective during the month of June 2020.

AUCTIONEER LICENSE

Auctioneer Name	Location	Effective Date
Shawn D. Hanson	Jamestown, ND	6/14/2020
Seth Pifer	Larimore, ND	6/27/2020

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AU-20-286
 Donald L. Bernhardt
 Auctioneer License
 Cancellation

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission adopt the Order Cancelling Auctioneer License in Donald L. Bernhardt, Auctioneer License, Cancellation, Case No. AU-20-286.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AU-20-291
 Raymond Erbele
 Auctioneer License
 Cancellation

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission issue the Order Cancelling Auctioneer License in Raymond Erbele, Auctioneer License, Cancellation, Case No. AU-20-291.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-20-244
Dakota Natural Gas, LLC
Natural Gas Facilities - Traill County
Public Convenience & Necessity

Case No. PU-20-245
Dakota Natural Gas, LLC
Gas Transportation - American Crystal
Sugar Co.
Tariff and Rates

Case No. PU-20-246
Dakota Natural Gas, LLC
Natural Gas Service - Traill County
Tariff

Case No. PU-20-259
Northern States Power Company
Transmission Facility Cost Recovery
Tariff

Case No. PU-17-284
Foxtail Wind, LLC
Foxtail Wind Energy Center - Dickey
County
Siting Application

Case No. PU-20-263
Dakota Prairie Refining, LLC
Amend Cert. No. 151, Permit No. 162
& 163
Siting Application

Case No. PU-20-270
Northern Divide Wind, LLC
200 MW Northern Divide Wind Energy
Center - Burke
Decommissioning Plan & Cost

Mr. Kroshus: Believing that there will be no prejudice to the rights of the parties or the public interest, and finding the cases involve similar questions of law and fact, I move the Commission consolidate these cases for hearing under North Dakota Admin. Code section 69-02-04-04 0 and issue a Notice of Opportunity for Consolidated Hearing in Dakota Natural Gas, LLC, Natural Gas Facilities – Traill County, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-20-244, Dakota Natural Gas, LLC, Gas Transportation – American Crystal Sugar Co., Tariff and Rates, Case No. PU-20-245, and Dakota Natural Gas, LLC, Natural Gas Service – Traill County, Tariff, Case No. PU-20-246.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Northern States Power Company, Transmission Facility Cost Recovery, Tariff, Case No. PU-20-259.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission adopt the Order on Consent Agreement in Foxtail Wind, LLC, Foxtail Wind Energy Center – Dickey County, Siting Application, Case No. PU-17-284.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Dakota Prairie Refining, LLC, Amend Certificate No. 151, Permit No. 162 and 163, Siting Application, Case No. PU-20-263.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve the parent guarantee filed June 16, 2020, in Northern Divide Wind, LLC, 200 MW Northern Divide Wind Energy Center – Burke, Decommissioning Plan & Cost, Case No. PU-20-270.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-19-318
Aurora Wind Project, LLC
Aurora Wind Project - Williams County
Decommissioning Plan & Cost

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve the decommissioning plan and cost estimate filed on June 15, 2020, in Aurora Wind Project, LLC, Aurora Wind Project - Williams County, Decommissioning Plan & Cost, Case No. PU-19-318.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AM-20-182
Public Service Commission
2020 Noonan Foamed Sand AML
Project
Project

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission execute a contract with Agassiz Concrete Pumping, LLC. of Bismarck, ND, in the amount of \$406,750 for pumping foamed sand, pressurized grouting and drilling for the 2020 Noonan Foamed Sand AML Project.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-13-318
Consolidated Telcom
2013 High-Cost Universal Services
Support
Annual Report

Mr. Kroshus: Recognizing the existence of a substantial number of pending telecommunications company requests for protection of information, and recognizing that Administrative Rules amended effective October 1, 2017, which are intended to protect, without the need for further action by the commission, unless the commission orders otherwise, I move the Commission grant protection of information for the pending Applications in the captioned cases.

I further move that any protected information filed in the captioned cases be shredded upon approval of this Motion.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-13-367
Dakota Central Telecom I, Inc.
2013 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-13-368
North Dakota Telephone Company
2013 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-13-369
United Telephone Mutual Aid
Corporation
2013 High-Cost Universal Services
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-13-370
Qwest Corporation
2013 High-Cost Universal Services
Support
Annual Report

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Case No. PU-13-371
West River Telecommunications
Cooperative
2013 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-13-372
Reservation Telephone Cooperative
2013 High-Cost Universal Services
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-13-375
Inter-Community Telephone Company,
L.L.C.
2013 High-Cost Universal Services
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-13-376
Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative
2013 High-Cost Universal Services
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-13-398
Northwest Communications
Cooperative, a Cooperative
Association
2013 High-Cost Universal Services
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-13-399
Nemont Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
2013 High-Cost Universal Services
Support
Annual Report

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Case No. PU-13-400
BEK Communications Cooperative
2013 High-Cost Universal Services
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-13-401
Absaraka Cooperative Telephone
Company, Inc.
2013 High-Cost Universal Services
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-13-459
Polar Communications Mutual Aid
Corporation
2013 High-Cost Universal Services
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-13-460
Polar Telcom, Inc.
2013 High-Cost Universal Services
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-13-479
Turtle Mountain Communications, Inc.
2013 High-Cost Universal Services
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-13-493
Red River Rural Telephone Association
2013 High-Cost Universal Services
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-13-494
Loretel Systems, Inc.
2013 High-Cost Universal Services
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-13-537
Wolverton Telephone Company
2013 High-Cost Universal Services
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-13-660
Midstate Telephone Company
2013 High-Cost Universal Services
Support
Annual Report

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Case No. PU-13-661
Midstate Communications Inc.
2013 High-Cost Universal Services
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-13-684
Badlands Cellular of North Dakota
Limited Partnership
2013 High-Cost Universal Services
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-13-685
North Dakota RSA No. 3 Limited
Partnership
2013 High-Cost Universal Services
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-13-686
North Central RSA 2 of North Dakota
Limited Partnership
2013 High-Cost Universal Services
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-13-687
North Dakota 5 - Kidder Limited
Partnership
2013 High-Cost Universal Services
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-13-688
Northwest Dakota Cellular of North
Dakota Limited Partnership
2013 High-Cost Universal Services
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-13-689
Sagebrush Cellular, Inc.
2013 High-Cost Universal Services
Support
Annual Report

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Case No. PU-13-690
Missouri Valley Communications, Inc.
2013 High-Cost Universal Services
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-13-691
Griggs County Telephone Co.
2013 High-Cost Universal Services
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-13-692
Moore and Liberty Telephone
Company
2013 High-Cost Universal Services
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-13-709
Midcontinent Communications
2013 High-Cost Universal Services
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-13-710
Roberts County Telephone
Cooperative Association
2013 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-13-711
RC Communications, Inc.
2013 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-13-720
Halstad Telephone Company
2013 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-13-721
New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC
2013 High-Cost Universal Services
Support
Annual Report

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Case No. PU-13-837
West River Cooperative Telephone
Company
2013 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-14-62
North Dakota Telephone Company
2014 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-14-63
Consolidated Telcom
2014 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-14-66
Sagebrush Cellular, Inc.
2014 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-14-67
Missouri Valley Communications, Inc.
2014 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-14-68
Nemont Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
2014 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-14-69
West River Telecommunications
Cooperative
2014 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

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I further move that any protected information filed in the captioned cases be shredded upon approval of this Motion.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-14-70
Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative
2014 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

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Case No. PU-14-71
Northwest Communications
Cooperative, a Cooperative
Association
2014 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-14-74
BEK Communications Cooperative
2014 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-14-76
Red River Rural Telephone Association
2014 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-14-77
Midcontinent Communications
2014 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-14-79
Qwest Corporation
2014 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-14-80
New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC
2014 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-14-82
North Central RSA 2 of North Dakota
Limited Partnership
2014 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

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Case No. PU-14-83
Northwest Dakota Cellular of North
Dakota Limited Partnership
2014 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-14-84
North Dakota RSA No. 3 Limited
Partnership
2014 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-14-85
Badlands Cellular of North Dakota
Limited Partnership
2014 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-14-86
North Dakota 5 - Kidder Limited
Partnership
2014 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-14-88
Reservation Telephone Cooperative
2014 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-14-89
United Telephone Mutual Aid
Corporation
2014 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-14-90
Polar Communications
2014 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

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Case No. PU-14-91
Polar Communications Mutual Aid
Corporation
2014 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-14-92
Wolverton Telephone Company
2014 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-14-94
Inter-Community Telephone Company,
L.L.C.
2014 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-14-346
Turtle Mountain Communications, Inc.
2014 High-Cost Universal Services
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-14-395
Dakota Central Telecommunications
Cooperative
2014 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-14-396
Dakota Central Telecom I, Inc.
2014 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-14-405
Loretel Systems, Inc.
2014 High-Cost Universal Services
Support
Annual Report

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Case No. PU-14-469
Roberts County Telephone
Cooperative Association
2014 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-14-516
West River Cooperative Telephone
Company
2014 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-14-647
James Valley Cooperative Telephone
Company
2014 High-Cost Universal Services
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-14-666
RC Communications, Inc.
2014 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-15-21
North Dakota Telephone Company
2015 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-15-25
SRT Communications, Inc.
2015 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

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Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-15-26
North Dakota Network Co.
2015 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

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Case No. PU-15-28
West River Telecommunications
Cooperative
2015 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-15-29
Inter-Community Telephone Company,
L.L.C.
2015 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-15-34
Halstad Telephone Company
2015 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-15-37
Northwest Communications
Cooperative, a Cooperative
Association
2015 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-15-41
Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative
2015 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-15-43
BEK Communications Cooperative
2015 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-15-44
United Telephone Mutual Aid
Corporation
2015 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
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Case No. PU-15-45
Turtle Mountain Communications, Inc.
2015 High-Cost Universal Services
Support
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Case No. PU-15-47
North Central RSA 2 of North Dakota
Limited Partnership
2015 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-15-48
Northwest Dakota Cellular of North
Dakota Limited Partnership
2015 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-15-49
North Dakota RSA No. 3 Limited
Partnership
2015 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-15-50
Badlands Cellular of North Dakota
Limited Partnership
2015 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-15-51
North Dakota 5 - Kidder Limited
Partnership
2015 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
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Case No. PU-15-52
Citizens Telecommunications
Company of Minnesota, LLC
2015 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
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Case No. PU-15-61
Reservation Telephone Cooperative
2015 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-15-62
Venture Communications Cooperative
2015 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-15-63
Wolverton Telephone Company
2015 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-15-64
Missouri Valley Communications, Inc.
2015 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-15-65
Nemont Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
2015 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-15-88
Consolidated Telcom
2015 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-15-89
Nexus Communications, Inc.
2015 High-Cost Universal Services
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-15-103
Red River Rural Telephone Association
2015 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
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Case No. PU-15-339
Absaraka Cooperative Telephone
Company, Inc.
2015 High-Cost Universal Services
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-15-340
Red River Communications
2015 High-Cost Universal Services
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-15-341
Midstate Telephone Company
2015 High-Cost Universal Services
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-15-342
Midstate Communications Inc.
2015 High-Cost Universal Services
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-15-343
Loretel Systems, Inc.
2015 High-Cost Universal Services
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-15-345
Polar Communications Mutual Aid
Corporation
2015 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-15-346
Griggs County Telephone Co.
2015 High-Cost Universal Services
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-15-347
Dakota Central Telecommunications
Cooperative
2015 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
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Case No. PU-15-461
Dakota Central Telecom I, Inc.
2015 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-15-462
West River Cooperative Telephone
Company
2015 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-15-570
Moore and Liberty Telephone
Company
2015 High-Cost Universal Services
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-15-631
James Valley Cooperative Telephone
Company
2015 High-Cost Universal Services
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-16-32
Midcontinent Communications
2016 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-16-33
North Dakota Telephone Company
2016 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
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I further move that any protected information filed in the captioned cases be shredded upon approval of this Motion.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-16-39
BEK Communications Cooperative
2016 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
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Case No. PU-16-43
Red River Rural Telephone Association
2016 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-16-45
Consolidated Communications
Networks, Inc.
2016 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-16-46
Consolidated Telcom
2016 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-16-47
Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative
2016 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-16-50
Wolverton Telephone Company
2016 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-16-53
Reservation Telephone Cooperative
2016 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
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Case No. PU-16-54
United Telephone Mutual Aid
Corporation
2016 High-Cost Universal Service
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Case No. PU-16-55
Northwest Communications
Cooperative, a Cooperative
Association
2016 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
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Case No. PU-16-57
Citizens Telecommunications
Company of Minnesota, LLC
2016 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-16-63
West River Telecommunications
Cooperative
2016 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-16-67
Missouri Valley Communications, Inc.
2016 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
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Case No. PU-16-68
Nemont Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
2016 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
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Case No. PU-16-70
New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC
2016 High-Cost Universal Service
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Case No. PU-16-77
North Dakota RSA No. 3 Limited
Partnership
2016 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-16-79
North Central RSA 2 of North Dakota
Limited Partnership
2016 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-16-247
Absaraka Cooperative Telephone
Company, Inc.
2016 High-Cost Universal Services
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-16-336
Griggs County Telephone Co.
2016 High-Cost Universal Services
Support
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Case No. PU-16-337
Halstad Telephone Company
2016 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-16-338
Midstate Telephone Company
2016 High-Cost Universal Services
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-16-339
Midstate Communications Inc.
2016 High-Cost Universal Services
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Case No. PU-16-342
Dakota Central Telecommunications
Cooperative
2016 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
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Case No. PU-16-343
Polar Communications Mutual Aid
Corporation
2016 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-16-350
Qwest Corporation
2016 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-16-419
Loretel Systems, Inc.
2016 High-Cost Universal Services
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-16-421
Northwest Dakota Cellular of North
Dakota Limited Partnership
2016 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-16-422
Badlands Cellular of North Dakota
Limited Partnership
2016 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-16-423
North Dakota 5 - Kidder Limited
Partnership
2016 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-16-425
Dakota Central Telecom I, Inc.
2016 High-Cost Universal Service
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Case No. PU-16-426
Turtle Mountain Communications, Inc.
2016 High-Cost Universal Services
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-16-437
Daktel Communications LLC
2016 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-16-459
Moore and Liberty Telephone
Company
2016 High-Cost Universal Services
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-17-25
Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative
2017 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-17-26
Dakota Central Telecommunications
Cooperative
2017 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-17-27
North Dakota Telephone Company
2017 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
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Mr. Kroshus: Recognizing the existence of a substantial number of pending telecommunications company requests for protection of information, and recognizing that Administrative Rules amended effective October 1, 2017, which are intended to protect, without the need for further action by the commission, unless the commission orders otherwise, I move the Commission grant protection of information for the pending Applications in the captioned cases.

I further move that any protected information filed in the captioned cases be shredded upon approval of this Motion.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

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West River Telecommunications
Cooperative
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Case No. PU-17-29
United Telephone Mutual Aid
Corporation
2017 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-17-30
Nemont Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
2017 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-17-31
Missouri Valley Communications, Inc.
2017 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-17-33
Red River Rural Telephone Association
2017 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-17-35
BEK Communications Cooperative
2017 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-17-37
Midcontinent Communications
2017 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-17-38
Qwest Corporation
2017 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-17-39
Consolidated Communications
Networks, Inc.
2017 High-Cost Universal Service
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Case No. PU-17-40
Consolidated Telcom
2017 High-Cost Universal Service
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Case No. PU-17-41
Midstate Telephone Company
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Case No. PU-17-42
Midstate Communications Inc.
2017 High-Cost Universal Services
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-17-43
Loretel Systems, Inc.
2017 High-Cost Universal Services
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-17-44
Halstad Telephone Company
2017 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-17-45
Griggs County Telephone Co.
2017 High-Cost Universal Services
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-17-46
Absaraka Cooperative Telephone
Company, Inc.
2017 High-Cost Universal Services
Support
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Case No. PU-17-47
Red River Communications
2017 High-Cost Universal Services
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Case No. PU-17-63
Polar Telecommunications, Inc.
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Case No. PU-17-64
Wolverton Telephone Company
2017 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-17-65
Reservation Telephone Cooperative
2017 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-17-66
North Central RSA 2 of North Dakota
Limited Partnership
2017 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-17-68
North Dakota RSA No. 3 Limited
Partnership
2017 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-17-249
Polar Communications Mutual Aid
Corporation
2017 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
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Case No. PU-17-252
Frontier Communications Corporation
2017 High-Cost Universal Services
Support
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Case No. PU-17-253
Northwest Communications
Cooperative, a Cooperative
Association
2017 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
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Case No. PU-17-257
Venture Communications Cooperative
2017 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-17-259
New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC
2017 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-17-261
Northwest Dakota Cellular of North
Dakota Limited Partnership
2017 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-17-262
Badlands Cellular of North Dakota
Limited Partnership
2017 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
Annual Report

Case No. PU-17-276
North Dakota 5 - Kidder Limited
Partnership
2017 High-Cost Universal Service
Support
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Case No. PU-17-277
Daktel Communications LLC
2017 High-Cost Universal Service
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Case No. PU-17-279
Turtle Mountain Communications, Inc.
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Case No. PU-17-296
James Valley Cooperative Telephone
Company
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Case No. PU-19-303
Public Service Commission
Hanson's Concrete Masonry &
Landscaping, LLC
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission appoint Brian Johnson and Victor Schock as advocacy staff effective June 23, 2020, in Public Service Commission, Hanson's Concrete Masonry & Landscaping, LLC, Damage Prevention Enforcement, Case No. PU-19-303.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-19-341
Public Service Commission
Burlington Electric, Inc.
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission appoint Brian Johnson and Victor Schock as advocacy staff effective June 26, 2020, in Public Service Commission, Burlington Electric, Inc., Damage Prevention Enforcement, Case No. PU-19-341.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-19-365
Public Service Commission
Heartland Excavating, LLC
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission appoint Brian Johnson and Victor Schock as advocacy staff effective June 30, 2020, in Public Service Commission, Heartland Excavating, LLC, Damage Prevention Enforcement, Case No. PU-19-365.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

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Case No. PU-19-357
Public Service Commission
Darryl Duchsherer
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission appoint Brian Johnson and Victor Schock as advocacy staff effective June 29, 2020, in Public Service Commission, Darryl Duchsherer, Damage Prevention Enforcement, Case No. PU-19-357.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 12:21 P.M.



Executive Secretary



BRIAN KROSHUS, CHAIRMAN